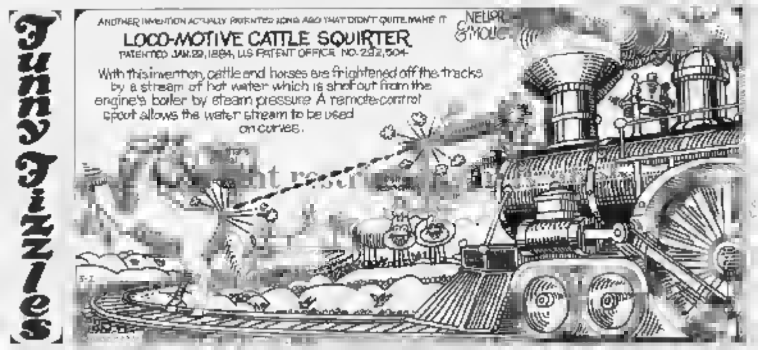

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ANOTHER INVENTION ACTUALLY PATENTED LONG AGO THAT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT
LOCO-MOTIVE CATTLE SQUIRTER
PATENTED JAN. 22, 1884, U.S. PATENT OFFICE NO. 292,504
With this invention, cattle and horses are frightened off the tracks by a stream of hot water which is shot out from the engine's boiler by steam pressure. A remote-control spout allows the water stream to be used on curves.

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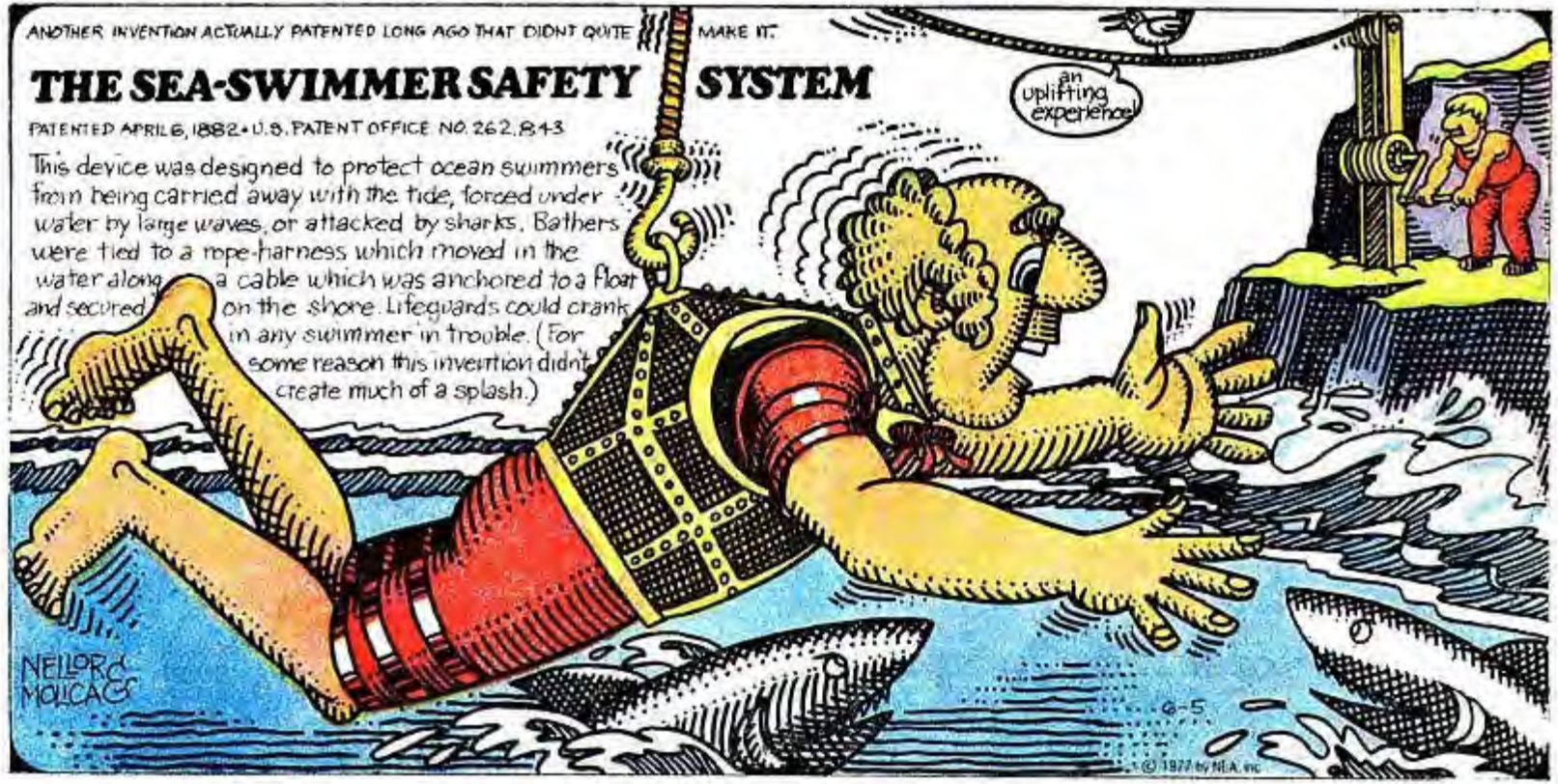
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THE SEA-SWIMMER SAFETY SYSTEM
PATENTED APRIL 6, 1882 • U.S. PATENT OFFICE NO. 256,843
This device was designed to protect ocean swimmers from being carried away with the tide, forced under water by large waves, or attacked by sharks. Bathers were tied to a rope-harness which moved in the water along a cable which was anchored to a float and secured on the shore. Lifeguards could crank in any swimmer in trouble. (For some reason this invention didn't create much of a splash.)
an uplifting experience!
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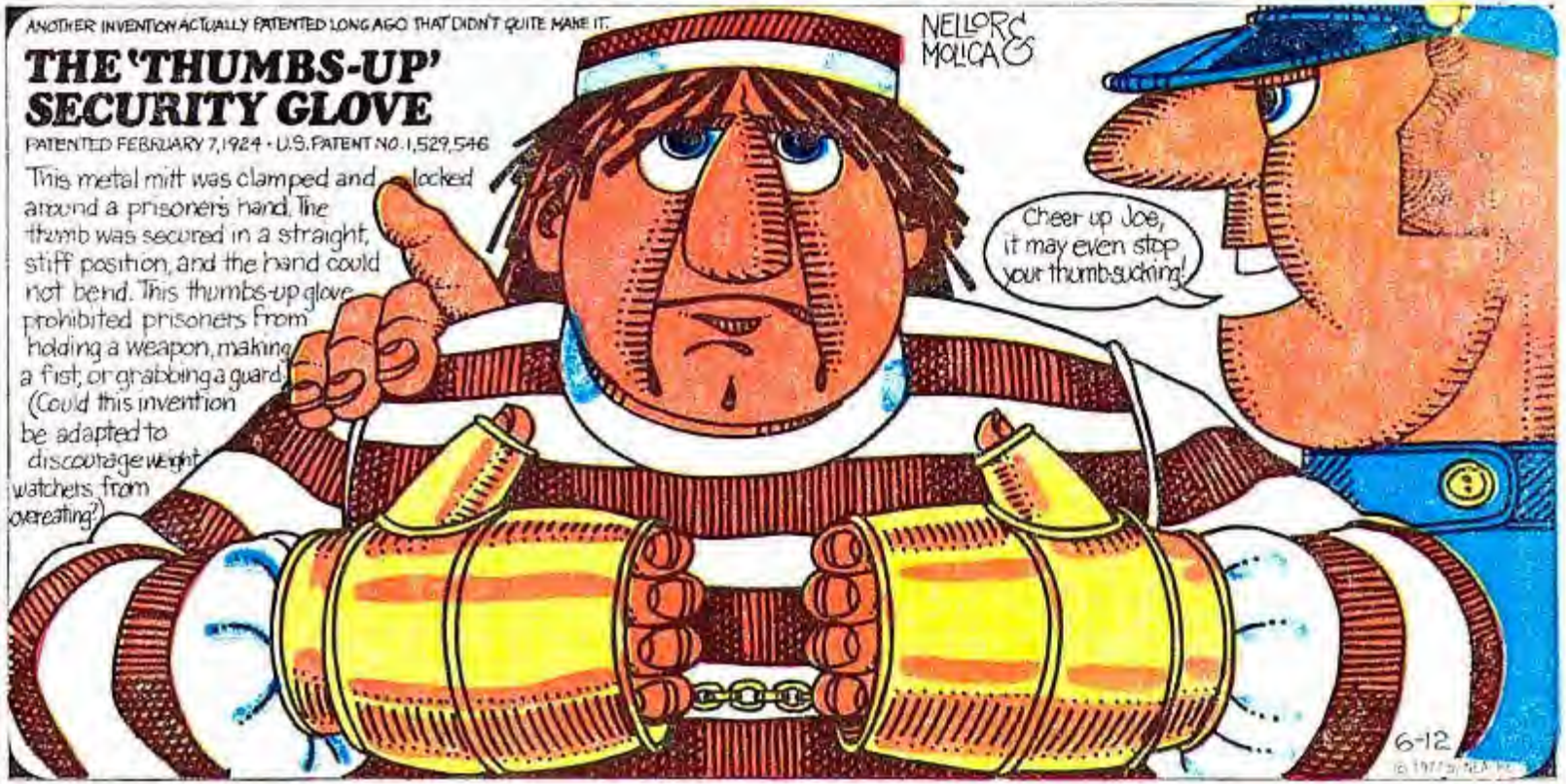
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THE 'THUMBS-UP' SECURITY GLOVE
PATENTED FEBRUARY 7, 1924 • U.S. PATENT NO. 1,529,546
This metal mitt was clamped and locked around a prisoner's hand. The thumb was secured in a straight, stiff position, and the hand could not bend. This thumbs-up glove prohibited prisoners from holding a weapon, making a fist, or grabbing a guard. (Could this invention be adapted to discourage weight watchers from overeating?)
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Cheer up Joe, it may even stop your thumb-sucking!
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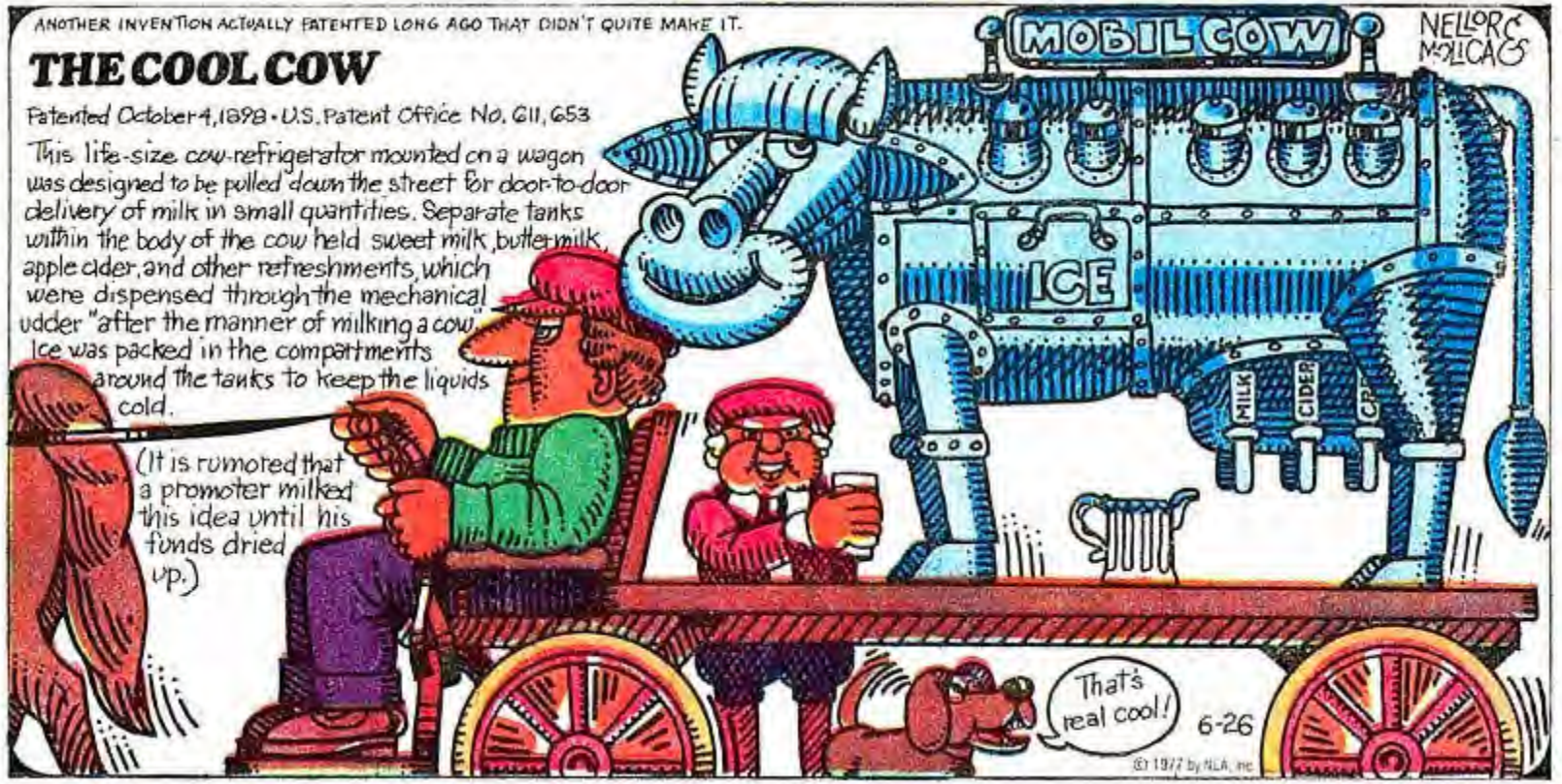
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THE COOL COW
Patented October 4, 1898 • U.S. Patent Office No. 611,653
This life-size cow-refrigerator mounted on a wagon was designed to be pulled down the street for door-to-door delivery of milk in small quantities. Separate tanks within the body of the cow held sweet milk, buttermilk, apple cider, and other refreshments, which were dispensed through the mechanical udder "after the manner of milking a cow." Ice was packed in the compartments around the tanks to keep the liquids cold.
(It is rumored that a promoter milked this idea until his funds dried up.)
MOBIL COW
ICE
MILK
CIDER
That's real cool!
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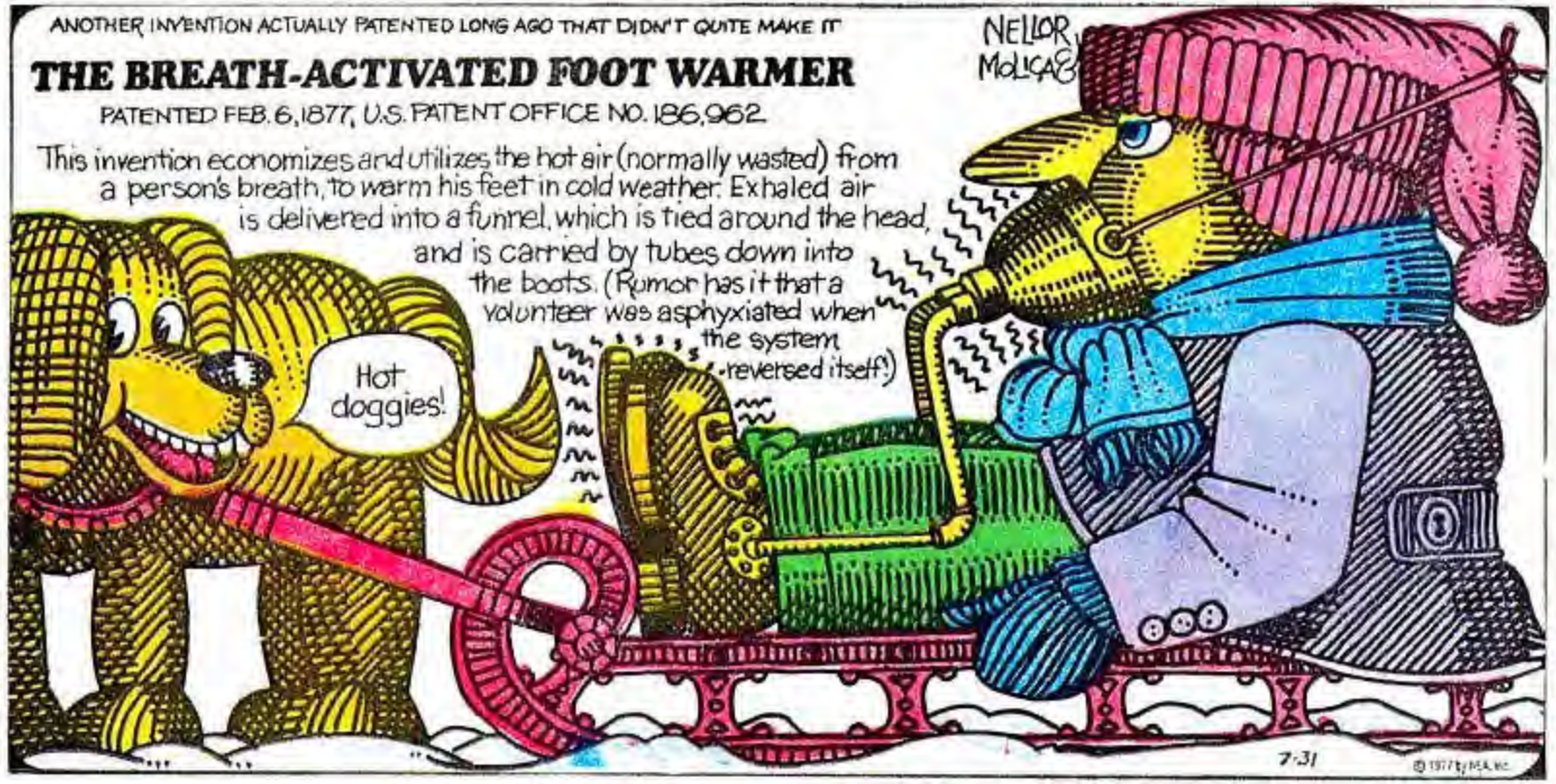
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THE BREATH-ACTIVATED FOOT WARMER
PATENTED FEB. 6, 1877, U.S. PATENT OFFICE NO. 186,962
This invention economizes and utilizes the hot air (normally wasted) from a person's breath, to warm his feet in cold weather. Exhaled air is delivered into a funnel, which is tied around the head, and is carried by tubes down into the boots. (Rumor has it that a volunteer was asphyxiated when the system reversed itself!)
Hot doggies!
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